Delay in project on jute diversification

1192. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Jute Industries Research Association, delayed a project on jute diversification by 12 years after incurring expenditure of Rs. 1.34 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the project has been commissioned; and

(d) if so, where?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. No Jute Diversification Project has been delayed by Indian Jute Industries Association (IJIRA) for 12 years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Technology Mission on Cotton

1193. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched the "Technology Mission on Cotton" with Rs. 600 crores, so as to prepare textile industry to face new challenges;

(b) the details of work undertaken and factories being set up under this scheme;

(c) whether Government also propose to set up Technology Missions for jute as well as for "wool" under New National Textile Policy, 2000; and

(d) if so, by when alongwith budgetary allocations made for these Technology Missions during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b)